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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 1458

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : PFOR FR GV

SUBJECT : JUNE VISIT OF UTA OFFICIAL

REF: PARIS 24333

1. ALTHOUGH THIS EMBASSY WAS AWARE THAT UTA OFFICIAL HAD VISITED CONAKRY LATE IN JUNE, REFTEL IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD THAT VISIT HAD ANY OFFICIAL CHARACTER. AT TIME OF VISIT AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS HAD BEEN INFORMED BY LOCAL UTA REP THAT UTA "DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY" FROM PARIS WAS IN TOWN TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF UTA MECHANIC, A FRENCH NATIONAL, WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED ON CHARGES OF MANSLAUGHTER IN CONNECTION WITH A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. THE MECHANIC WAS TRIED

(JUNE 30) SENTENCED AND IMMEDIATELY RELEASED, MOST PROBABLY BECAUSE NUMEROUS GUINEANS GAVE FAVORABLE PUBLIC TESTIMONY CONCERNING HIS CHARACTER AND DEPORTMENT.

2. THIS EMBASSY NOT AWARE THAT RICHON NEGOTIATED ON BEHALF OF OTHER PRISONERS OR CONCERNING OVERALL FRENCH-GUINEAN RELATIONS. IN VIEW SEKOU TOURE'S UNDISPUTED CONTEMPT FOR AND DISTRUST OF FOCCART, IT WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR HIM TO

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ACCEPT ANYONE WITH WELL-KNOWN TIES TO FOCCART AS AN INTER-

MEDIARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE. STILL, STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED HERE. IN ANY EVENT ANY HEADWAY RICHON MAY HAVE MADE WOULD SEEM TO HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

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